



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## San Diego Region

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**Subject: Clarification of Water Code Directive 13225 Dated March 2, 2001**

10-6011.02

Dear Ms. Wilson:

On May 9, 2001, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB) affirmed the issuance of the March 2, 2001 and April 5, 2001 letters directing each Municipal Storm Water Co-permittee in the Aliso Creek Watershed to conduct an assessment of its management measures to prevent discharges of bacteria in urban runoff. The SDRWQCB approved the directive with the following amendments to the monitoring program:

1. The Co-permittees shall monitor the receiving water weekly or 5 times in a 30-day period for total coliform, fecal coliform, *Enterococcus*, and estimated flow at the following locations:
  - a. The monitoring stations for Aliso Creek and tributaries of Aliso Creek as described in the Aliso Creek Watershed Final Monitoring Plan in the April 30, 2001 Initial Report submitted by the Aliso Creek Watershed Permittees that are located upstream and downstream adjacent to each monitored storm drain outfall; and
  - b. A monitoring location in the lower 1 mile of Aliso Creek within the section of the creek that is currently listed as Clean Water Act Section 303(d) impaired for high coliform level. If a berm is constructed in the vicinity of the Pacific Coast Highway in order to divert water from Aliso Creek, then the monitoring location shall be upstream of the berm; and
  - c. A monitoring location within the Aliso/Woods Canyon Regional Park, upstream from the Aliso Creek Golf Course.
2. In addition to monitoring storm drain outfalls having diameters greater than or equal to 39 inches, the Co-permittees shall monitor any storm drain that discharges more than 100,000 gallons per day to Aliso Creek or a natural tributary to Aliso Creek during dry weather. The monitoring shall be initiated as soon as these discharges are identified by the Co-permittees. As part of the quarterly reports, the Co-permittees shall describe the criteria used and measures taken to identify outfalls with discharges greater than 100,000 gallons per day.

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3. The monitoring program will continue until such time that the SDRWQCB concludes further monitoring under this directive is not necessary. In the interim, the SDRWQCB will consider the termination of monitoring at any specific location only if the data demonstrates compliance with body contact recreation standards for three consecutive months at that specific location.
4. The Co-permittees shall include a discussion of any possible effect that the time of day and day of week of the sampling may have had, if any, on the test results as part of the quarterly reports.

Please contact Mr. Bob Morris at 858-467-2962 or Mr. Jeremy Haas at 858-467-2735 if you have any questions or need further clarification.

Respectfully,



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